



# Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

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*Dear Ocotillo District Residents,*

This letter is to inform you, my constituents that I recently had an accident resulting in injuries requiring a recovery period of approximately two months.

Please know that during my recovery, I will continue to be involved with city related business. If you require assistance with city related matters, as always, please call my office at 623-930-2249. Council office staff is working closely with me during this time to ensure that I remain informed of all comments and inquiries addressed to my office.

I look forward to continue our work together on important Ocotillo District and city matters and strongly encourage you to remain active in your community.

Finally, I want to thank my family, constituents and city staff for all their support and well wishes.

Sincerely,

— Councilmember Norma S. Alvarez

**Hispanic Heritage Breakfast.** Luis “Gonzo” Gonzales and Derrick Hall of the Arizona Diamondbacks will be the featured speakers at the Sept. 22 Hispanic Heritage Breakfast organized by the Glendale Hispanic Network, a city of Glendale employee organization committed to promoting cultural awareness and professional development.

The Glendale Hispanic Network is also now taking nominations for the Promoting Community Involvement and Education Award. [Click here](#) for event and award nomination information.

**Revisions Requested to Redistricting Maps.** The City Council, at its Aug. 16 workshop session, requested revisions to redistricting maps developed by consultants and presented to the public for input over the summer.

The request for map revisions followed the consultant’s recap of public comments, presentation of citizen-drawn maps, and councilmember discussion on keeping “communities of interest” together. The revisions would retain the positively received aspects of what had been labeled Plan A, “The Minimal Change Plan,” and Plan C, “The Middle of the Road Plan.”

The revised maps, which are to be developed by National Demographic Corporation, will be made available to the public as soon as they are complete and will be taken back to the Sept. 6 Glendale City Council workshop session. Changes to the map boundaries, along with updated demographic information for each district, will be posted on the city’s website, [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com). They’ll also be available by calling the Redistricting Hotline at 623-930-2296.

At the Sept. 6 workshop, council will review the updated maps and direct consultants on what to bring back to the Sept. 13 city council meeting where a formal vote is expected to be taken on a preferred map to submit to the Department of Justice for review. Action at the Sept. 13 meeting will enable city staff to meet filing deadlines with the Maricopa County Election Department and the Department of Justice.

The public is encouraged to continue providing input on redistricting until new districts are approved by the Glendale City Council. [Click here](#) to fill out an online comment form. Comments can also be sent by Fax to (623) 463-6678 or mailed to: Pamela Hanna, Glendale City Clerk, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, Ste. 455, Glendale, AZ 85301.

Once approved and adopted, the final map of voting districts will be used in the city’s 2012 election.

**Solicitud de modificación de los planos de reconfiguración distrital.** El Consejo de la Ciudad, en su sesión de trabajo del 16 de agosto, solicitó que se modificasen los planos de reconfiguración distrital elaborados por los asesores que se le presentaron a la comunidad para que los evaluase este verano.

La solicitud de modificación de los planos se basa en el resumen sobre los comentarios de la comunidad a cargo de los asesores, la presentación de los planos diseñados por los ciudadanos y la discusión de los concejales sobre no dividir a “las comunidades de interés.” Las modificaciones tomarán en cuenta los aspectos que se consideraron positivos de lo que se ha denominado Plan A, “Plan con cambios mínimos” (*The Minimal Change Plan*), y Plan C, “Plan intermedio” (*The Middle of the Road Plan*).

Los planos modificados, que serán elaborados por *National Demographic Corporation*, se pondrán a disposición de la comunidad tan

pronto estén listos y se presentarán en la sesión de trabajo del Consejo de la Ciudad de Glendale el 6 de septiembre. En la página web de la Ciudad, [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com), se publicarán los cambios en los límites de los planos, así como información demográfica actualizada de cada distrito. Estos datos también estarán disponibles llamando a la línea directa sobre reconfiguración distrital al 623-930-2296.

En la sesión de trabajo del 6 de septiembre, el Consejo revisará los planos actualizados y le indicará a los asesores qué deben presentar en la reunión del Consejo de la Ciudad el 13 de septiembre, en la cual debería tener lugar la votación formal sobre el plano preferido para presentárselo al Departamento de Justicia para su evaluación. La decisión en la reunión el 13 de septiembre le permitirá al personal de la Ciudad cumplir con los plazos de presentación establecidos por el Departamento Electoral del Condado de Maricopa y el Departamento de Justicia.

Se invita a la comunidad a seguir opinando sobre la reconfiguración distrital hasta que el Consejo de la Ciudad de Glendale apruebe los nuevos distritos. Haga [clic aquí](#) para llenar un formulario de comentarios por vía electrónica. También puede enviar sus comentarios por fax al (623) 463-6678 o por correo a la atención de Pamela Hanna, Glendale City Clerk, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, Ste. 455, Glendale, AZ 85301.

Una vez aprobado y adoptado, el plano definitivo de los distritos electorales se utilizará en la elección de la Ciudad en el 2012.

**Important Traffic Information for Upcoming Cardinals Games.** Football fans are gearing up to cheer on their Cardinals, and as the preseason gets underway, the city of Glendale wants to remind fans and drivers in and around the Sports and Entertainment District of suggested routes and important traffic information that will help make everyone's experience go smoothly.

Season ticket holders have received parking passes from the Arizona Cardinals with specific parking and traffic instructions. Maps to the assigned parking lots are printed on the back side of parking passes.

Fans can access parking maps on [www.glendalestgotgame.com](http://www.glendalestgotgame.com). The heaviest traffic typically occurs on the Loop 101 where there is currently construction to add HOV lanes; therefore, fans should allow extra time and may consider alternate routes such as surface streets to gain access to the area. For the safety of pedestrians, 95th Avenue west of the stadium and Maryland Avenue between 93rd and 95th avenues will be closed to vehicle traffic.

The city of Glendale has partnered with ADOT to provide real-time traffic information, and fans are encouraged to call 511 for updated traffic information.

In addition, Glendale has a Twitter page designed to keep drivers in the know with up-to-the-minute traffic updates. The page, [www.twitter.com/GlendaleTraffic](http://www.twitter.com/GlendaleTraffic), will be updated by Glendale Police Department and Glendale Transportation Department representatives who are monitoring traffic flow during the football games.

**Glendale Police Department Seeking Officers.** The Glendale Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for the positions of Police Officer Recruit and Police Officer Lateral.

Recruitments for these positions are open from August 22, 2011 through 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2011. Candidates interested in becoming Police Officers with the Glendale Police Department are encouraged to attend an information session which is being held on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave, in Glendale, Arizona. Information, including application material, can be found online at [www.GlendalePoliceJobs.com](http://www.GlendalePoliceJobs.com).

## Around Town

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**Restrictions on Myrtle and Grand Avenues.** Traffic on east and westbound Myrtle Avenue will not be permitted to cross Grand Avenue, and will be REQUIRED TO TURN RIGHT onto Grand Avenue at the intersection from Saturday, Aug. 27 through Friday, Sept. 2. Grand Avenue will continue to permit northwest and southeast traffic, with three lanes for southeast traffic and one lane for northwest traffic; however, NO LEFT TURNS will be permitted onto Myrtle Avenue. Sewer pipeline rehabilitation will take place during day and night hours (24 hours) for this construction activity. Officers will be on-site to assist with traffic and the public is encouraged to follow signs and instructions. Beginning September 6th, work will be limited to night-time hours to complete construction.

**Labor Day Holiday.** City of Glendale offices will close Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. [Click here](#) for information on how the holiday will affect city programs and services.

**Glendale Public Library Offers e-Reader Workshop.** The free workshop, "Introduction to E-Book Readers," will be held on Wednesday, September 14 and repeated on October 12, November 16 and December 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. To register for the free workshops call 623-930-3531 or stop by the Main Library.

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